दौरान हुए 13820 मिलियन यू एस डालर के निर्यात की तुलना में 17204 मिलियन यू एस डालर मूल्य का हुआ जिससे 24.5% की वृद्धि दिखाई पड़ती है। समग्र आर्थिक प्रगति के लिए विदेशी क्षेत्र निर्णायक होने के नाते सरकार का भविष्य में भी निर्यात में उच्च वृद्धि दर बनाए रखने का लक्ष्य है।

Imbalance in Payments for sugarcane by sugar mills

2115. SHRI BHUPNIDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of sugar mills which pay least for the sugarcane they purchase and also that of sugar mills which pay higher sugarcane prices;

(b) the reasons for such imbalance in payments and steps contemplated to correct this trend in prices; and

(c) how many sugar mills are considered inefficient, their list, State-wise and steps being taken to make them efficient?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) It is obligatory on the part of every sugar factory in the country to pay the minimum price for sugarcane fixed by the Central Government as per Clause 3 of the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966 which was issued under the Essential Commodities Act 1955. However, State Government ask factories to pay cane prices higher than the Statutory Minimum Price. A statement showing ranges of sugarcane price actually paid by sugar mills in different States is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) for sugarcane fixed by the Central Government is linked to a basic recovery of 8.5% with proportionate premium of 0.1% increase in recovery above the basic level. As such, the SMP of all sugar factories may not be the same.

(c) Ministry of Food does not maintain a list of inefficient units. However, the inefficiency may be due to variety of factors, such as inadequate cane avilability, un-economic size, old and obsolete plant and machinery, technical and managerial problems, under utilisation of capacity, etc. Ministry of Food is providing financial assistance at concessional rate of interest from the Sugar Development Fund (SDF) to the sugar mills for cane development and rehabilitation/ modernisation, subject to their fulfilling the prescribed conditions.

Statement

Rate at which cane price was paid by sugar mills in various states for the season 1994-95

State	Rate (Rs./Qts.)
(1)	(2)
Uttar Pradesh	66.00 to 70.00
Bihar	66.00 to 70.00
Punjab	68.00 to 72.00
Haryana	66.00 to 70.00
Assam	46.00 to 53.00
West Bengal	58.00
Orissa	44.16 to 60.00
Madhya Pradesh	66.00 to 72.00
Rajasthan	57.00 to 66.00
Maharashtra	46.00 to 66.00

(1)	(2)
Gujarat	50.00 to 73.00
Andhra Pradesh	46.00 to 62.15
Tamil Nadu	42.78 to 63.37
Karnataka	60.00 to 70.00
Kerala	50.00
Pondicherry	40.02 to 60.53
Nagaland	50.60
Goa	75.00

Guidelines for Exim Policy Clarifications

2116. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any guidelines for sending time bound EXIM Policy clarifications by the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) sought by entrepreneurs or individuals in terms of Appendix IX of Handbook of Procedures, Volume I;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is mendatory for DGFT to seek advice of the administrative Ministry in all such cases, if, not, what types of cases are referred to the administrative Ministries and what action is taken if there is no response; and

(d) how many EXIM Policy clarification requests are pending with DGFT for more than three months and what action is taken in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) No time frame has been specified in the EXIM Policy for giving clarifications. All references seeking clarifications are promptly placed before the Special Licensing Committee, an Inter Ministerial Committee, which meets every fortnight and considers, inter-alia, these issues. Based on the decisions taken by the Committee, clarifications are issued. Sometime, an issue requires more detailed examination in which consultation with various technical authorities of Departments/Ministries are also necessary. Such cases take longer time to be finalised.

Ban on Export of Meat

2117. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of voluntary organisations in the country have a sought a ban on export of meat from the country;

(b) the quantam of export of meat during the last three years and the foreign exchange earned; and

(c) whether Government have made a comprehensive study of the benefits accruing from export of meat vis-a-vis on ban on its export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantum of export of meat during the last three years (in quantity